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For: IMAGE-PROCESSING APPARA- ) May 18, 2001  
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ING MECHANISM AND CONTROL:  
METHOD FOR THE APPARATUS )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended in the following manner:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1,  
line 5 of the specification.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15 and 16 without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter.

All claims in this application are being reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (CANCELLED) An image-processing apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving image data;  
recording means for recording the image data received by said receiving means onto recording material;  
manual-feeding means for receiving and feeding manually-loaded recording material of various size;  
inquiry means for, before said recording means records the image data, making an inquiry of an operator of said image processing apparatus and receiving an instruction as to whether said recording means is to record the image data on the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means; and

control means for causing said recording means to record the image data on the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means when an instruction to record is given in response to the inquiry made by said inquiry means.

2. (CANCELLED) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

storage means for storing the image data received by said receiving means; and

accommodating means accommodating pre-loaded recording material,

wherein, when an instruction not to perform is given in response to the inquiry made by said inquiry means, said control means, depending upon an operational criterion, either causes said storage means to store the image data or causes said recording means to record the image data onto recording material from said accommodating means.

3. (CANCELLED) The image-processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein, when no instruction has been given in response to the inquiry made by said inquiry means after a lapse of a predetermined period, said control means, depending upon the operational criterion, either causes said storage means to store the image data or causes said recording means to record the image data onto the recording material from said accommodating means.

4. (Not Amended) An image-processing apparatus comprising:

input means for inputting image data;

size-detection means for detecting a size of the image data input by said input means;

manual-feeding means for receiving and feeding manually-loaded recording material of various size;

determining means for determining, based on the size of the image data detected by said size-detection means, a recording-material size appropriate for recording the image data input by said input means; and

display means for displaying, when feeding is to be performed by said manual-feeding means, the recording-material size determined by said determining means.

5. (CANCELLED) An image-processing apparatus comprising:

input means for inputting image data;  
storage means for storing the image data input by said input means;

manual-feeding means for receiving and feeding manually-loaded recording material of various size;

recording means for recording the image data input by said input means onto the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means;

determining means for determining whether the image data input by said input means has been fit by said recording means onto the recording material; and

control means for discontinuing storage of the image data by said storage means when it is determined by said determining means that the image data has been fit onto the recording material, and for continuing storage of the image data by said storage means when it is determined by

said determining means that the image data has not been fit onto the recording material.

6. (**CANCELLED**) The image-processing apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

size-detection means for detecting a size of the image data input by said input means; and

counter means for counting a time elapsed as the recording material passes through a predetermined position,

wherein said determining means determines whether the image data has been fit onto the recording material based on the size detected by said size-detection means and the time counted by said counter means.

7. (**CANCELLED**) A control method for an image-processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving image data;

(b) making an inquiry to an operator of the image-processing apparatus as to whether an image based on the image data received in step (a) is to be recorded; and

(c) recording the image based on the image data received in step (a) onto manually-loaded recording material fed by a manual-feeding mechanism for use with the image-processing apparatus when an instruction to record is given in response to the inquiry made in step (b).

8. (**CANCELLED**) The control method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of, prior to step (b), selecting whether recording-material feeding is to be done by said manual-feeding mechanism, and wherein the inquiry in step (b) is made when feeding by said manual-feeding mechanism has been selected.

9. (**CANCELLED**) The control method according to claim 7, wherein said image-processing apparatus includes a cassette for holding pre-loaded recording material, and the recording material fed by said manual-feeding mechanism is not taken from said cassette.

10. (**CANCELLED**) The control method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of recording the image based on the image data received in step (a) onto recording material from said cassette when an instruction not to record is given in response to the inquiry made in step (b).

11. (**CANCELLED**) The control method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of recording the image based on the image data received in step (a) onto recording material from said cassette when no instruction has been given in response to the inquiry made in step (b) after a lapse of a predetermined period.

12. (**CANCELLED**) The control method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of storing the image data received in step (a) when an instruction not to record is given in response to the inquiry made in step (b).

13. (**CANCELLED**) The control method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of storing the image data received in step (a) when no instruction has been given in response to the inquiry made in step (b) after a lapse of a predetermined period.

14. (Not Amended) A control method for an image-processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

(a) inputting image data;

(b) detecting a size of the image data input in step (a);

(c) determining a recording-material size appropriate for recording the image data input in step (a) based on the size of the image data detected in step (b); and

(d) displaying the recording-material size determined in step (c) before the start of recording when the recording is to be done on recording material fed by a manual-feeding mechanism for use with said image-processing apparatus.

15. (**CANCELLED**) A control method for an image-processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

(a) inputting image data;  
(b) storing the image data input in step (a);  
(c) recording the image data input in step (a)  
onto recording material fed by a manual-feeding mechanism for  
use with the image-processing apparatus;  
(d) determining whether the image data has been  
correctly recorded on the recording material;  
(e) erasing the image data stored in step (b)  
when it is determined in step (d) that the image data has  
been correctly recorded; and  
(f) holding the image data stored in step (b)  
when it is determined in step (d) that the image data has not  
been correctly recorded.

16. (**CANCELLED**) The control method according to  
claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

(g) detecting a size of the image data input  
in step (a); and  
(h) counting a time required for the recording  
material fed by the manual-feeding mechanism to pass through  
a predetermined position,

wherein the determination of step (d) is made  
based on the size detected in step (g) and the time counted  
in step h).

Please add Claims 17-31 as follows:

--17. An image-processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the size of the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means cannot be discriminated before the image data input by said input means is recorded.

18. An image-processing apparatus comprising:

    input means for inputting image data;

    manual-feeding means for receiving and feeding manually-loaded recording material of various size;

    accommodating means for accommodating pre-loaded recording material;

    recording means for recording an image based on the image data input by said input means onto the recording material manually fed by said manual-feeding means or automatically fed from said accommodating means;

    display means for displaying a size information of the recording material onto which the image is recorded based on the image data input by said input means; and

    control means for controlling said display means so as to display the size information in a case where said recording means records the image onto the recording medium fed by said manual-feeding means, and controlling said display means so as not to display the size information in a case where said recording means records the image onto the recording material fed from said accommodating means.

19. An image-processing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said recording means records the image onto the recording material fed from said accommodating means when the image cannot be recorded onto the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means after displaying the size information by said display means.

20. An image-processing apparatus according to claim 18, further comprising setting means for setting a manual-feeding means for recording the image onto the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means, wherein said control means displays on said display means the size information of the image represented by the image data input by said input means while the manual-feeding mode is set by said setting means.

21. An image-processing apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said recording means has priority to record the image onto the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means when the manual-feeding mode is set by said setting means.

22. An image-processing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the size of the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means cannot be discriminated before the image based on the image data input by said input means is recorded by said recording means.

23. An image-processing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the size of the recording material accommodated by said accommodating means can be discriminated before the image based on the image data input by said input means is recorded by said recording means.

24. A control method for controlling an image-processing apparatus comprising the steps of:

    inputting image data;  
    recording image based on the image data input in said input step onto a recording material manually fed by a manual-feeding mechanism of the image-processing apparatus or automatically fed from an accommodating unit for accommodating a plurality of recording material of the image-processing apparatus;

    displaying a size information of the recording material onto which the image is recorded based on the image data input by said input means; and

    controlling a displaying in said display step so as to display the size information in a case where said recording step records the image onto the recording medium fed by the manual-feeding mechanism, and controlling the displaying so as not to display the size information in a case where said recording step records the image onto the recording material fed from the accommodating unit.

25. An image-processing apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said recording means records the image onto

the recording material fed from said accommodating means when the image cannot be recorded onto the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means after displaying the size information by said display means.

26. An image-processing apparatus according to claim 24, further comprising setting means for setting a manual-feeding means for recording the image onto the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means, wherein said control means displays on said display means the size information of the image represented by the image data input by said input means while the manual-feeding mode is set by said setting means.

27. An image-processing apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said recording means has priority to record the image onto the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means when the manual-feeding mode is set by said setting means.

28. An image-processing apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the size of the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means cannot be discriminated before the image based on the image data input by said input means is recorded by said recording means.

29. An image-processing apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the size of the recording material

accommodated by said accommodating means can be discriminated before the image based on the image data input by said input means is recorded by said recording means.

30. A machine-readable medium on which is stored a program for effecting the steps of:

- (a) inputting image data;
- (b) detecting a size of the image data input in step (a);
- (c) determining a recording-material size appropriate for recording the image data input in step (a) based on the size of the image data detected in step (b); and
- (d) displaying the recording-material size determined in step (c) before the start of recording when the recording is to be done on recording material fed by a manual-feeding mechanism for use with said image-processing apparatus.

31. A machine-readable medium on which is stored a program for effecting the steps of:

- (a) inputting image data;
- (b) recording image based on the image data input in said input step onto a recording material manually fed by a manual-feeding mechanism of the image-processing apparatus or automatically fed from an accommodating unit for accommodating a plurality of recording material of the image-processing apparatus;

(c) displaying a size information of the recording material onto which the image is recorded based on the image data input by said input means; and

(d) controlling a displaying in said display step so as to display the size information in a case where said recording step records the image onto the recording medium fed by the manual-feeding mechanism, and controlling the displaying so as not to display the size information in a case where said recording step records the image onto the recording material fed from the accommodating unit.--.

REMARKS

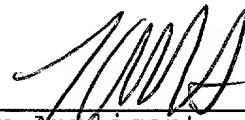
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Claims 4, 14 and 17-31 are being presented for examination on the merits and correspond to non-elected Claims 4, 14, 17, 20-31, 33 and 35 in the parent application. Claims 4, 14, 20, 26, 33 and 35 are the independent claims. Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15 and 16 have been cancelled and Claims 17-31 have been added. Favorable consideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

1. (**CANCELLED**) An image-processing apparatus comprising:
  - receiving means for receiving image data;
  - recording means for recording the image data received by said receiving means onto recording material;
  - manual-feeding means for receiving and feeding manually-loaded recording material of various size;
  - inquiry means for, before said recording means records the image data, making an inquiry of an operator of said image processing apparatus and receiving an instruction as to whether said recording means is to record the image data on the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means; and
  - control means for causing said recording means to record the image data on the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means when an instruction to record is given in response to the inquiry made by said inquiry means.

2. (**CANCELLED**) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

storage means for storing the image data received by said receiving means; and

accommodating means accommodating pre-loaded recording material,

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wherein, when an instruction not to perform is given in response to the inquiry made by said inquiry means, said control means, depending upon an operational criterion, either causes said storage means to store the image data or causes said recording means to record the image data onto recording material from said accommodating means.

3. (**CANCELLED**) The image-processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein, when no instruction has been given in response to the inquiry made by said inquiry means after a lapse of a predetermined period, said control means, depending upon the operational criterion, either causes said storage means to store the image data or causes said recording means to record the image data onto the recording material from said accommodating means.

5. (**CANCELLED**) An image-processing apparatus comprising:

input means for inputting image data;

storage means for storing the image data input by said input means;

manual-feeding means for receiving and feeding manually-loaded recording material of various size;

recording means for recording the image data input by said input means onto the recording material fed by said manual-feeding means;

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determining means for determining whether the image data input by said input means has been fit by said recording means onto the recording material; and

control means for discontinuing storage of the image data by said storage means when it is determined by said determining means that the image data has been fit onto the recording material, and for continuing storage of the image data by said storage means when it is determined by said determining means that the image data has not been fit onto the recording material.

6. (**CANCELLED**) The image-processing apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

size-detection means for detecting a size of the image data input by said input means; and

counter means for counting a time elapsed as the recording material passes through a predetermined position,

wherein said determining means determines whether the image data has been fit onto the recording material based on the size detected by said size-detection means and the time counted by said counter means.

7. (**CANCELLED**) A control method for an image-processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving image data;

(b) making an inquiry to an operator of the image-processing apparatus as to whether an image based on the image data received in step (a) is to be recorded; and

(c) recording the image based on the image data received in step (a) onto manually-loaded recording material fed by a manual-feeding mechanism for use with the image-processing apparatus when an instruction to record is given in response to the inquiry made in step (b).

8. (**CANCELLED**) The control method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of, prior to step (b), selecting whether recording-material feeding is to be done by said manual-feeding mechanism, and wherein the inquiry in step (b) is made when feeding by said manual-feeding mechanism has been selected.

9. (**CANCELLED**) The control method according to claim 7, wherein said image-processing apparatus includes a cassette for holding pre-loaded recording material, and the recording material fed by said manual-feeding mechanism is not taken from said cassette.

10. (**CANCELLED**) The control method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of recording the image based on the image data received in step (a) onto recording

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material from said cassette when an instruction not to record is given in response to the inquiry made in step (b).

11. (**CANCELLED**) The control method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of recording the image based on the image data received in step (a) onto recording material from said cassette when no instruction has been given in response to the inquiry made in step (b) after a lapse of a predetermined period.

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15. (**CANCELLED**) A control method for an image-processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

- (a) inputting image data;
- (b) storing the image data input in step (a);

(c) recording the image data input in step (a) onto recording material fed by a manual-feeding mechanism for use with the image-processing apparatus;

(d) determining whether the image data has been correctly recorded on the recording material;

(e) erasing the image data stored in step (b) when it is determined in step (d) that the image data has been correctly recorded; and

(f) holding the image data stored in step (b) when it is determined in step (d) that the image data has not been correctly recorded.

16. (**CANCELLED**) The control method according to claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

(g) detecting a size of the image data input in step (a); and

(h) counting a time required for the recording material fed by the manual-feeding mechanism to pass through a predetermined position,

wherein the determination of step (d) is made based on the size detected in step (g) and the time counted in step h).

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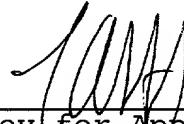
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the listed documents are also enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above  
information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed  
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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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